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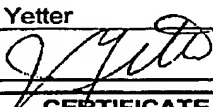
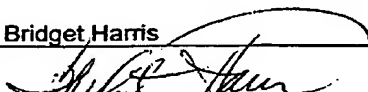
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/607,645
	Filing Date	6/27/2003
	First Named Inventor	Holt et al.
	Art Unit	1746
	Examiner Name	A. Markhoff
	Attorney Docket Number	6269RDS
	Confirmation Number	2686

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
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 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ☐ Other _____
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 - ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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- Miscellaneous**
 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - ☐ Other _____
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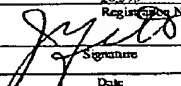
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No.	:	10/607,645
Applicant(s)	:	Steven Allen Holt et al.
Filed	:	6/27/2003
Title	:	Cleaning Implement Having High Absorbent Capacity
TC/A.U.	:	1700/1746
Examiner	:	A. Markoff
Conf. No.	:	2686
Docket No.	:	6269RDC
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- ☒ No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	* 22	MINUS	** 22	= 0	x \$ 50 =	\$
INDEP.	* 2	MINUS	*** 3	= 0	x \$ 200 =	\$
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated 5/23/2005 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$0 for a 0-month extension of time.
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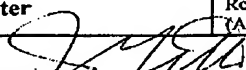
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